

IN RECOGNITION OF "AUGUSTA'S ISLAMIC HERITAGE AND LEADERSHIP"

WHEREAS, the Muslim Community Center of Augusta, along with the Islamic Society of Augusta, form a joint community that reflects the universal and humanity teachings of the Islamic Faith; and

WHEREAS, the Muslim Community Center of Augusta is honoring its history, pioneers, future leaders, members of the Islamic Society of Augusta and members of Masjid As-Salaam; and

WHEREAS, this joint community is promoting peace, racial and religious dialogue, understanding, cooperation, and mutual respect for differences; and

WHEREAS, the Islamic community is committed to cultivating the natural growth of human excellence and good character through the strengthening and building of valuable relationships with Faith communities and right-minded people; and

WHEREAS, members of the Islamic Faith have taken an active stand in promoting moral excellence, social and civic responsibility, economic empowerment and have helped to create positive change in the lives of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, local members of the Islamic faith serve as role models in the commitment to building individual and family life, and in building a society rich in diversity and rooted in mutual respect, and in aiding the human journey towards the great destiny ordained by our Creator, to be complete, excellent, community serving human beings.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bob Young, Mayor of the City of Augusta, do hereby proclaim July 27, 2002 to be

"ISLAMIC HERITAGE AND LEADERSHIP DAY" and urge all citizens to recognize this day.

In witness thereof, I have unto set my hand and caused the seal of Augusta, Georgia to be affixed this twenty-seventh day of July 2002.